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Dear Members and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that the Joint Board of the Moravian Church of Downey announces that a call has been issued to and accepted by Sister Christie Melby-Gibbons. As you all know, we have been going through the call process for the past several months and we are very excited about Christie's acceptance. Christie is a graduate from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, and a May 2009 graduate from the Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, with a Masters of Divinity. She is an approved candidate for ordination and pastoral service within the Moravian Church. Christie has wonderful enthusiasm and energy, creative ideas and a vision for our ministry as we move into the future.

She has been described as a wonderful listener and able to respond with understanding. Sister Melby-Gibbons writes: "My 'call' to ministry has been more of an insatiable itch within. I can only describe it as a feeling of restlessness when I'm not actively pursuing ministry and a feeling of rare peace when I am pursuing ministry."

Christie is married to a wonderful young man, David who has a background in music and will be a great addition to our music ministry. Christie plans to begin her ministry in Downey on September 1, 2009. Until then we'll keep Christie and David in our prayers as they prepare for their new journey.

The Joint Board is very grateful for the congregation's ongoing prayers as we've worked through the call process. Any questions can be directed to a member of the Board of Trustees or the Board of Elders.

Sincerely,

Joint Board
Moravian Church of Downey